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SUBJECT **Case of an Average Private Bohemian Farmer: 1952 Required Production Plan vs Actual Deliveries/Increased 1953 Production Quotas/Taxes and Dues/State vs Market Prices/Drastic Penalties for Non-Fulfillment of Delivery Quotas.**

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1. [redacted]

2. "Communist pressure tactic against private farmers [redacted] The pressure started in 1946, when [redacted] was nationalized. Later, in 1948, the Communists classified [redacted] as a kulak (rich farmer). This automatically meant [redacted] an exploiter', a class alien and an enemy of the new regime', in other words generally suspect.

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3. "[redacted] farm consisted of about four hectares of farmland and eight hectares of grassland. [redacted] two horses, four milk cows, six calves, seven pigs, 36 hens 18 geese and [redacted]

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1952 Production Plan

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Commodity	Arable Area	Production Plan	Average Actual Annual Production	Delivery Quota
Wheat	0.65 ha	970 kg	767 kg	300 kg
Rye	0.40 ha	790 kg	640 kg	290 kg
Barley	0.40 ha	670 kg	595 kg	450 kg
Oats	1.00 ha	2,400 kg	1,675 kg	950 kg
Hay				1,300 kg
Straw				700 kg
Potatoes	1.20 ha	14,000 kg	12,700 kg	7,100 kg
Flax:	0.25 ha			
Flax seed		270 kg	165 kg	210 kg (Actually able to deliver only 35 kg)
Raw flax fibre		720 kg	570 kg	720 kg (Actually delivered only 520 kg)
Milk	4 cows	6,460 litres	4,160 litres	5,000 lt (Actually delivered only 3.347 lt)
Eggs	36 hens	2,340 eggs	2,700 eggs	1,600 eggs
Meat:				
Pork	7 pigs			220 kg 'piglings' [sic]
				500 kg bacon
Beef and Veal	10 head of cattle			1,300 kg

5. "The figures in the columns 'Production Plan' and 'Delivery Quota' are fixed by local authorities according to the laws and regulations of the State Agricultural Control authorities and the quality classification of the land concerned ([redacted] Class 2). Little or no allowance is made for special circumstances, such as the farmer's private plans for the year, or the average crop yield on the land in previous years (i e 'Average Actual Production'). The pertinent laws and regulations are drawn up by officials in Prague who have little notion of practical farming. The officials charged with enforcing these regulations are equally inexperienced. State planning is strictly a conference table affair all along the line, with little relation to actual conditions. 50X1-HUM

6. "If a farmer is unable to deliver his established quota he is permitted to compensate for the missing balance in other products. As a rule only food commodities such as wheat, barley, poppy-seed, flax seed or pork meat, are accepted for such exchange.

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Increased 1953 Production Quotas

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Commodity	Arable Area	Production Plan	Delivery Quota	Quota Increase Over 1952
Wheat	0.80 ha	1,300 kg	400 kg	Approximately 25%
Rye	0.60 ha	1,300 kg	450 kg	Approximately 30%
Barley	0.30 ha	490 kg	240 kg	(Some decrease, as it was sown out in a new field.)
Oats	1.40 ha	3,400 kg	2,130 kg	Approximately 110%
Potatoes	1.20 ha	14,000 kg	9,100 kg	Approximately 20%
Milk	4 cows	6,700 lt	5,600 lt	Approximately 10%
Eggs	36 hens	2,900 eggs	1,900 eggs	Approximately 18%
Meat:				
Pork	7 pigs		840 kg	Approximately 20%
Beef and Veal	10 head of cattle		1,700 kg	Approximately 30%

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8. "These new, higher quotas were set despite the fact that in 1952 unable to fulfill deliveries in every field of production. fell short mainly in milk and flax.

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Penalty for Non-Fulfillment of Delivery Quotas

9. "As the result of this failure to fulfill all 1952 delivery quotas, a special investigating commission of the National District Council visited farm on 17 Dec. 52. The commission inspected all stock and stores. On the basis of this survey it estimated the minimum production needed to maintain family, and also my cattle breeding. Everything above this arbitrary living minimum was declared 'surplus' and confiscated on the spot.

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10. "On 26 Jan. 53, appear before a People's Court, which in special sessions was handling all cases of nondelivery of compulsory agricultural quotas. After four hours of hearings sentenced, without the right of appeal, to a cash fine of 40,000 Kc. In case of inability to raise the money, farm was to be confiscated to serve two years in a forced labor camp. The deadline for the payment of the fine was 4 February. On 5 Feb granted three days' extension and was notified in writing that in case of non-payment further proceeding would be initiated on 8 February. As it would have been impossible for any farmer to raise such a large sum of money

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Value of 1952 Deliveries

11. "The harsh sentence was imposed for a comparatively small backlog in agricultural deliveries to the State.

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1952 Deliveries

Wheat	300 kg	at	2.80 Kc per kg	[illegible] Kc
[illegible]	[illegible] kg	at	2.30 Kc per kg	667 Kc
Barley	450 kg	at	1.80 Kc per kg	810 Kc
Oats	950 kg	at	1.60 Kc per kg	1,520 Kc
Potatoes	7,100 kg	at	0.80 Kc per kg	5,680 Kc
Eggs	1,600 pc	at	44.00 Kc per kg	3,960 Kc
Straw	700 kg	at	1.60 Kc per kg	1,120 Kc
Hay	1,300 kg	at	2.60 Kc per kg	3,380 Kc
Pork	720 kg	at	27.00 Kc per kg	[illegible] Kc
Beef, veal	1,300 kg	at	[illegible] per kg	16,900 Kc

To these sums the following amounts should be added: 50X1-HUM

(a) The value of products confiscated [redacted] on 15 Dec 52:

110 kg of pork and 175 kg of wheat 'surplus' 797 Kc

(b) The value of the partial delivery on the milk quota:

3,347 lt at 2.00 Kc per lt 6,694 Kc

(c) The value of the partial delivery on the raw flax fibre quota:

520 kg at 3.00 Kc per kg 1,560 Kc

(d) The value of the partial delivery on the flax seed quota:

35 kg at 3.70 Kc per kg 129 Kc

Total: 63,497 Kc

At the end of the 1952 season [redacted] owed the State only the following: 50X1-HUM

200 kg of straw at 3.00 Kc per kg	600 Kc
175 kg of flax seed at 3.70 Kc per kg	647 Kc
1,653 lt of milk at 2.00 Kc per lt	3,306 Kc
Total:	4,553 Kc

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Taxes and Dues 50X1-HUM

12. "Thus, [redacted] lost [redacted] farm for owing the State about 7% of the total value of products due. The People's Court refused to take into consideration that [redacted] was a medium-income farm; that the 1952 crop was generally mediocre in the whole region; that [redacted] fulfilled all [redacted] quotas in previous years, and [redacted] paid all [redacted] taxes and all the various dues assessed on farmers, an amount by no means negligible:

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(a)	Land tax	5,000 Kc
(b)	Various insurance premiums (health, house, fire, inventory, etc)	17,000 Kc
(c)	Special insurance for farmers against weather and natural disasters	3,200 Kc
(d)	Turnover tax	2,400 Kc

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(e) Dog Tax (Two watch-dogs at 90 Kc per month) 2,160 Kc

(f) Special housing tax (Assessed for living quarters per room) 240 Kc

(g) Electricity (5 Kc per month per bulb) 1,620 Kc

Total: 31,920 Kc

State vs Market Prices

13. "Another factor must be considered in addition to compulsory quotas, taxes and dues, and that is the financial loss which the farmer suffers due to the price differential between the official prices, at which he must deliver his quotas to the State, and the prevailing market prices for which he would otherwise sell the same products. Following is a table indicating these price differentials:

Commodity		Prices Paid by the State for: Delivery Quota:	Amounts Exceeding the Quota:	Prices of Rationed Goods	Free Market Prices
Wheat	100 kg	280 Kc	400 Kc		900 Kc
Rye	100 kg	230 Kc	360 Kc		800 Kc
Barley	100 kg	130 Kc			600 Kc
Oats	100 kg	160 Kc			500 Kc
Potatoes	100 kg	80 Kc		128 Kc	600 Kc
Flax seed	100 kg	370 Kc			1,300 Kc
Raw flax fibre	100 kg	300 Kc			500 Kc
Hay	100 kg	260 Kc			600 Kc
Straw	100 kg	160 Kc			280 Kc
Milk	1 litre	2 Kc	2.80 Kc	4.50 Kc	12 Kc
Eggs	1 kg	44 Kc		64.80 Kc	140 Kc
Poultry	1 kg liv weight	32 Kc			120 Kc
Beef	1 kg liv weight	13 Kc			* 180 Kc
Pork	1 kg liv weight	27 Kc			* 250 Kc

* Slaughtered, not selected, with bones.

14. "Farmers are not [February 1953] permitted to sell milk or bulk on the free market, even after fulfilling their quotas. They lose much by this regulation since the free market price of butter is 420-500 Kc per kg. Rationed butter costs 120 Kc per kg.

15. "A comparison of the State prices for delivery quota products and the prices prevailing on the free market, shows that the latter are at least 300%, in some cases even 1000%, higher. In other words, the market value of all the products delivered to the State (calculated officially at 63,497 Kc) was actually about 580 000 Kc."

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